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SUBJ: LOCKHEED INVESTIGATIONS NAME SOUTH AFRICA

1. JOHANNESBURG STAR FEB 11 FRONT-PAGED AS ITS MAJOR STORY A KEN OWEN REPORT THAT A SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESSMAN WAS INVOLVED IN LOCKHEED SCANDALS. OWEN CREDITED SOURCES WITHIN SENATOR CHURCH'S SUBCOMMITTEE FOR HIS STORY BUT STAR DID NOT NAME MAN DIRECTLY MERELY DESCRIBING HIM AS PROMINENT JOHANNESBURG BUSINESSMAN. ARTICLE INCLUDED REHASH OF THE FOREIGN BRIBERY SCANDALS AND OF SAFAIR PURCHASES OF LOCKHEED L-100'S. STORY CLOSED BY SAYING NO EVIDENCE OF BRIBERY AND THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SEE NEED FOR A BRIBE TO BUY AIRCRAFT DESPERATELY SOUGHT AFTER IN THE REPUBLIC.

2. STAR INTERVIEWED WITHOUT NAMING THE BUSINESSMAN WHO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH LOCKHEED FOR 25 YEARS AND THAT HE ARRANGED FINANCE FOR AIRCRAFT PURCHASES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND OVERSEAS. DECLINED TO DISCUSS SAFAIR.

3. BUSINESSMAN INVOLVED IS DOUBTLESS JOHN NASH OF ASTRA AIRCRAFT WHO ACTS AS LOCKHEED AGENT NOT ONLY HERE BUT UNDER DIFFERENT CORPORATE LABEL FOR LOCKHEED AT SEVERAL OTHER

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